

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Bi-Monthly Conference Call

Minutes

June 12, 2012

Present

Cascade, Custer, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Ravalli, RiverStone, Silver Bow

Agenda Items

Kim Winchell – Reporting on Report Expertise

Uses the *Prenatal Women Peer Counselor Referral Report* to obtain referrals to BPC. This report provides her with this information and their due date. From the report she contacts participants and invites them to the breastfeeding class. This report only pulls referrals entered in the system. This report is not currently working under the 2.15 release, but is expected to work again under a later release.

To see or add a BPC for a specific participant, use **Participant Activities, Breastfeeding, and Peer Counselor Contacts**. You select “add” a contact. You can specify the BPC (move the radio button to “other”). A listing of topics is provided and you may select multiple topics. While you can “edit” the contact, you can’t delete it.

Uses the *Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Contact Summary Report* for data on contact type and count. This may have an error issue related to not containing data of participants seen in early pregnancy. Straight from the M-SPIRIT information that describes the filters for this report:

1.1.1.1 Selected Clinic(s)

The breastfeeding peer counselor contact information for all participants who belong to the user-specified clinic sites is included on the report.

(The clinic you specify in the box prior to running the report.)

1.1.1.2 Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Contacts during Specified Date Range

Only participants who were contacted by a breastfeeding peer counselor between the user-specified starting and ending dates will be included in the report. This will be determined by examining the BFCounselorContact.ContactDate.

(The date range you entered in the box before running the report. It only counts those with an entry created by adding a contact in the **Peer Counselor Contacts**.)

If it is not behaving this way, please provide specific information to the Help Desk, including participant ID, name and date of contact and who provided the contact. This will help them research the problem.

Missoula uses the *Prenatal Pending Peer Counselor Contact Report* for information on due date. They contact pregnant participants about 1 ½ to 2 months prior to delivery.

Anna Pheifer – Update on the Montana Milk Bank

Connected to the Nursing Nook. Will collect donated milk which will be processed in San Jose. They are fund raising to purchase a processor so they can do their own processing. Cost of purchasing banked breastmilk will be about \$3 per ounce. Contact numbers are 406-721-5440 and 406-529-2749 (cell for Lindsey)

Chris Fogelman – Update on the Training

It will be in Bozeman again. This worked out well as a central location for those BPCP that are the farthest away. A hotel has not been selected. The dates are not set, but will be looking at the first full week of December. Probably Tues/Wed or Wed/Thurs.

Other Discussion Issues

A question was raised about the what the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies passes as a Bill containing \$6.922 billion for WIC without any set asides, including for breastfeeding peer counselors. The concern was whether or not there would be funding for breastfeeding peer counselors next year.

This is hard to answer in that this is a subcommittee bill which still has to be voted on by the full House. Even if the House passes it as is, it will need to go to a joint committee to work out the differences between the House version and the Senate version.

You can contact members of the House and Senate to educate them on the importance of breastfeeding or on a personal level you can lobby for how you would like them to vote or change the bill.

Next call August 14, 2012 9:00 am to 10:00 am